

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of page 1 to read:

-- ~~Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of German Patent Application No. 196 32 521 8 filed August 13, 1996 and of German Patent Application No. 197 25 362 8 filed June 16, 1997. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 365 and 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/EP 97/04396 filed August 13, 1997. The international patent application was not published in English under PCT article 21-(2). This application is the National Stage of PCT/EP97/04396, filed August 13, 1997.~~ --